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SUBJ: PAN-AFRICAN COOPERATIVE TRAINING CENTER DIRECTOR JAILED

1. HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT PIERRE COCO, DIR OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER-SUPPORTED PAN-AFRICAN COOPERATIVE TRAINING CENTER IN COTONOU HAS BEEN IN JAIL FOR PAST MONTH AND HALF. ACCORDING TO SOURCE WHO SPOKE TO COCO AT JAIL, HE IS BEING HELD BECAUSE ON NIGHT OF 21 JAN SOME OF TRAINEES AT CENTER WERE SEEN TALKING TO CAPT ASSOGBA'S TROOPS. (ASSOGBA WAS ENGAGED IN EFFORT TO OVERTHROW KEREKOU GOVT). COCO SAYS HE WAS NOT WITH THEM.

2. COMMENT: AS OUTLANDISH AS REASON GIVEN FOR HIS ARREST SEEMS, IT FITS PATTERN OF SIMILAR RECENT ARREST CASES. THESE ARRESTS ARE USUALLY DESCRIBED AS "ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES" WHICH MAY MEAN THE VICTIMS WILL NOT BE TRIED. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT HOW LONG COCO WILL BE HELD.

3. ACTION RECOMMENDED:

A. DEPT INFORM PAT O'FARRELL OR DAVID BROMBART AT AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER IN NEW YORK.

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B. LOME INFORM GEORGE MARTENS OR BART-PLANGE OF AALC.

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